

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for managing a plurality of managed servers, wherein each managed server executes a server agent, said system comprising:

 a client computer having an interface for selecting a first service and one or more of the managed servers; and

 an agent manager coupled to said client computer for requesting a first file from said selected managed servers that correspond to the first service, and for receiving a modified first file from said client computer and instructing first server agents that correspond to the selected managed servers to perform file modifications based on the modified first file.
2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a management database coupled to said agent manager for storing configuration information of the plurality of managed servers.
3. The system of claim 1, where said agent manager is executed on a management computer.
4. The system of claim 1, where said agent manager is executed on said client computer.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein said interface displays a first set of managed servers that are configured to run said first service in response to said selection of said first service.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of managed servers execute a Linux operating system.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of managed servers execute a UNIX operating system.

8. The system of claim 5, wherein said displayed first set of managed servers are grouped based on a first parameter.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein said agent manager instructs said first server agents using messaging.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein the modified first file is a modified configuration file corresponding to the first service.

11. A method of managing a first plurality of servers, said method comprising:
receiving a selection of a service to manage;

in response to said selection, displaying a second plurality of servers that are configured to run the service;

receiving a management task; and

initiating a revision of a file in at least one of the second plurality of servers to implement the management task.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving a selection of the at least one of the second plurality of servers.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

displaying a graphical user interface that displays a plurality of services and the second plurality of servers.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein said initiating the revision comprises messaging a modification of the file to server agents corresponding to the second plurality of servers.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the first plurality of managed servers execute a Linux operating system.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein the first plurality of managed servers execute a UNIX operating system.

17. The system of claim 11, wherein said displayed second plurality of servers are grouped based on a first parameter.

18. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
receiving an indication of success of the modification of the file from the server agents.

19. A method of managing a plurality of managed servers, wherein each of said servers executes a server agent, said method comprising:

receiving a selection of a service and at least one of the plurality of managed servers;

receiving a configuration file of the service from each of the selected plurality of managed servers; and

initiating changes to the configuration file on the selected plurality of managed servers by the server agents.

20. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
displaying on a graphical user interface a list of managed services and
corresponding managed servers.
21. The method of claim 19, wherein said initiating changes comprises
messaging a modification of the configuration file to the server agents.
22. The method of claim 19, further comprising:
receiving an indication of success of the changes from the server agents.